

Taking Initiative

Study Guide/TNT

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You Were Never Designed to go Somewhere That You Could Not See

As a child of God, revelation is your greatest asset! Once you've seen something, it removes doubt and it is then that you discover that what seemed impossible for you to go, have, and do, now becomes possible.

God told Abraham in Gen. 13 to lift up his eyes and look all around him. For all that he saw, God was going to give it to him and his seed as an inheritance. Fully grasping God's promise within himself, Abraham found himself moving out on God's word. Revelation creates REVOLUTION and now it is time for you to go after what you see! A revolution is described as a radical change to something, happening suddenly. You see, God designed you as one who not only sees in the realm of the spirit, but one who has the capabilities to make it a reality.

What do you see? Blessed are your eyes because they see! There are no limits as to the places that you can go and ventures you can be a part of. You can no longer put off going after the promises of God. What is for you has already been done and HE expects you to receive in your spirit and take possession of it! Lay hold to the promises of God and speak it outwardly daily. By doing so, a force of faith will be released from you to radically change every no or impossibility around!

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Bible Study Scriptures

Read Genesis 12: 1-6 **12** *The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. ² I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. ³ I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."*

⁴ So Abram departed as the Lord had instructed, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran. ⁵ He took his wife, Sarai, his nephew Lot, and all his wealth—his livestock and all the people he had taken into his household at Haran—and headed for the land of Canaan. When they arrived in Canaan, ⁶ Abram traveled through the land as far as Shechem. There he set up camp beside the oak of Moreh. At that time, the area was inhabited by Canaanites.

⁷ Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants.^[a]" And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸ After that, Abram traveled south and set up camp in the hill country, with Bethel to the west and Ai to the east. There he built another altar and dedicated it to the Lord, and he worshiped the Lord. ⁹ Then Abram continued traveling south by stages toward the Negev.

INITIATIVE- Britannica defines it as the energy and desire that is needed to do something; deciding for yourself what to do instead of waiting to be told by someone else; and an important act or statement that is intended to solve a problem. I liken it to be resourceful or acting based upon an innate desire to make something better. No matter how you define it, the bottom line is that there is an underlying opportunity waiting to be explored. God made us to be people who will pursue after promises, without delay and take possession of them. Additionally, you and I were made to operate beyond average, seeing as He sees and thinking as He thinks. With this being said, an important key to taking initiative is making an assessment. Assessing things requires you to evaluate the current state of something that you'd like to improve or make better.

- Consider something that you'd like to improve upon or make better in your personal, professional, or spiritual life. Assessing the situation, what is it showing you or what do you see?

- Are there any opportunities for improvement? If so, in what ways?

- What resources are needed or may be missing, that is hindering the situation from being improved?

- If you were to take initiative, what are the outcomes or possibilities?

- Read Genesis 11: **31**, *“Terah took his family and left Ur of Babylonia. They planned to travel to Canaan. Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot (Haran’s son), and his daughter-in-law Sarai (Abram’s wife). They traveled to the city of Haran and decided to stay there. 32 Terah lived to be 205 years old. He died in Haran.” (ERV)*
- Read Acts 7:1-4, **1** *“ And the high priest asked [Stephen], Are these charges true?2 And he answered, Brethren and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our forefather Abraham when he was still in Mesopotamia, before he [went to] live in Haran, 3 And He said to him, Leave your own country and your relatives and come into the land (region) that I will point out to you. 4 So then he went forth from the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, [God] transferred him to this country in which you are now dwelling.*

- What is actually going on with Abram in Acts 7?

- How do you think Abram's thinking was impacted?

"They traveled to the city of Haran and decided to stay there." Gen. 11:31

- Haran in Hebrew is Charran, meaning to call out. What place(s) in your life have God called you out from, yet you decided to stay in?

- What made it difficult for you to put off God's calling to take initiative?

- How long did you stay or have stayed in a place because of an inability to take initiative? _____

- How was your thinking impacted as a result of an inability to take initiative?

- Barriers and roadblocks are satan's tactics to prevent/delay you from accepting God's call to action. In what ways do you overcome such barriers?

Taking Initiative is being proactive for change and confronts stagnation and complacency.

Taking initiative requires no more low-level thinking. God spoke this in prayer Saturday morning, September 7, 2024.

- I. GET YOUR THINKING UP
- II. SPEAK ON A HIGHER LEVEL
- III. SEE ON A HIGHER LEVEL

Read Joshua 18:3, **3** *So Joshua said to the Israelites, “Why do you wait so long to take your land? The Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given this land to you.” (Easy-To-Read Version [ERV])*

3 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you? (KJV)

Define the word “slack” in your own words and discuss what you think God thinks about it.

Describe the effects of slackness and what it can potentially look like in your own personal, professional, spiritual life

Describe the effects of slackness upon others such (i.e. the church, your family, work, community)

Describe how low-level thinking correlates with being slack and how to spot it in others or yourself